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Savin Rock Festival returns to Old Grove Park, July 28-29

By Michael P. Walsh
Special to the Voice

Musical groups Shaded Soul Band and Arena Rock Tribute will headline the Savin Rock Festival in Old Grove Park on July 28-29, respectively.

The annual festival, sponsored by the University of New Haven, Yale University and Frankson Fence Co., will showcase the sights, sounds, smells and tastes that cemented the 20th-century Savin Rock Park as Connecticut's Coney Island, Mayor Nancy R. Rossi said.

Other sponsors include Baybrook Remodelers Inc., Affordable Waste Systems LLC and Adams Hometown Market.

The festival, which honors the legacy of "the Rock," is scheduled from 5-10 p.m. July 28 and noon-10 p.m. July 29.

Along with live music, it will feature the traditional midway of rides and games by Maremma Amusements — and, of course, boatloads of seafood and other mouthwatering dishes.

Maremma will offer wristbands for unlimited rides for \$30 and a sheet of 21 tickets for \$20.

A number of nonprofit organizations will set up informational booths in the 153-year-old Grove, and a fleet of food trucks on Palace Street will serve up burgers, hot dogs, cheesesteaks, fried dough, gyros, lobster rolls, tacos and meatball bombs. Dessert trucks will offer cannoli,



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ice cream, cupcakes and kettle corn.

The craft fair, a festival staple, will also take place, spread beneath the park's oak trees, organizers said.

On July 28-29, the parking fee for nonresidents is \$20, payable by credit card through a "Pay for Parking" smartphone app only. Paid parking is available in the municipal lots on Oak Street and

Altschuler Boulevard and the grass lot off Oak Street, across from the Surfside public housing complex.

To park, nonresidents must scan the QR code on the Premium Parking sign in each lot or text the lot code to 504504. Both options will connect them to the Premium Parking website to complete the transaction. Nonresidents can also download the Premium

Parking app on the Apple or Google app stores.

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owe back taxes and make a payment at <https://www.mytaxbill.org/inet/bill/home.do?town=westhaven>.

The festival will open at 5 p.m. July 28 with welcoming remarks by Rossi and the national anthem sung by Ana Garcia.

Radio personality Brian Smith will serve as the "ringmaster" of ceremonies

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Steven
Mullins
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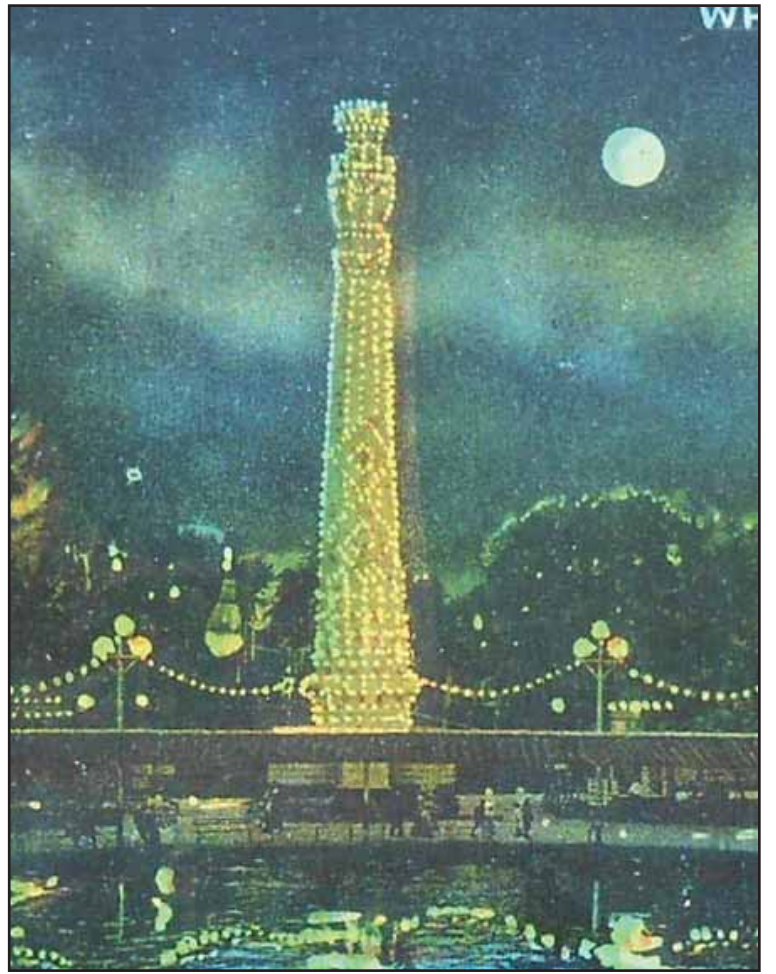
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1974 -- Turkish invasion of Cyprus. Also known as Cyprus Peace Operation or Operation Attila, the invasion was a response to a coup in Cyprus.

1969 -- Apollo 11 lands on the Moon. Carrying Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin, who would become the first humans to walk on the Moon, the spacecraft safely landed on the Sea of Tranquility on the Moon.

1969 -- football War ends. A ceasefire came into effect between Honduras and El Salvador after the two countries fought a brief war over immigration El Salvador to Honduras. The hostilities occurred during North American trials of the FIFA World Cup.



White City aglow

At the turn of the 20th Century electric lights were all the rage. Illumination by the incandescent lamp was the height of fashion, and people came out to see the wonder of the new invention. Savin Rock was aglow each night in the White City, the main section of the park, following the leads of other amusement areas. This postcard of the White City tower captures what people of that era came out to see in this most recent installment of our look back when West Haven was a resort destination.

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'Way to Go!' Award

City crossing guard Lisa Corvera receives the "Way to Go!" award from the West Haven Interagency Network for Children at Elm Street and Union Avenue on June 13. Corvera was presented with the award at her guard post on the last day of school by city Youth and Family Services Director Diane Dietman for "always smiling and waving at passing vehicles in whatever weather conditions while performing her daily duties to ensure the safety of children at the busy intersection."



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Dear Felicia

Well, honey bunch, now that the Fourth of July is over, things in our little part of the universe start going from thinkin' of fireworks and setch to the Savin Rock Festival. Foist a word about the 'works. Cuz of the weather, the show was moved from July 3 to July 5. That meant all the No Parking signs had to be torn down with the one date, and put up with the new one, which kep' the DPW busy for a while.

Things in the burg weren't as hectic as one expects on Fireworks Night, cuz the Elem City changed their fireworks to the same night from East Rock Park. Sooooo, the crowd that normally invades the shore each year wasn't quite as large as is usually expected. It was just as well.

Construction on the Beach Street area betwixt Morse Avenue and Second Avenue – about a quarter mile or so – began a couple weeks before and the street is now ripped up, and the elevation is gonna be some seven or so feet higher than before. Whilst that wasn't the case the night of the fireworks, Beach Street is closed, and that meant that stretch of beach was off limits unless someone wanted to trek along the shorefront.

More about the construction later, but suffice it to say the residents dodged a bul-

let with the fireworks being changed as who knows what traffic would've been like. We've seen times when it was bumper-to-bumper from the Kimberly Avenue Bridge all the way to Washington Avenue and beyond. We didn't have that this year.

Meanwhile back in the political sphere, jest what many thought would happen did, Dorinda Borer threw her cheapu into the arena and is running for mayor. Effen yew don't think that changes the dynamic of this year's mayoral race, yew ain't payin' attention.

It seems the \$20k raise the City Council built into the budget for the just-begun fiscal year, was the enticement members thought it would be. The perks of the General Assembly and the collection of titles she's accrued over her time in Hartford couldn't hold a candle to \$108k as a serious consideration.

So, one expects she will leave her post as the rep for the 115th Assembly District, and get onto the new task of running for mayor – or maybe she'll hedge and not resign until after November's ballot.

But onto the machinations behind the scenes. Sammy Bluejay came by and sez that in the time up to the formal announcement, there was

some discussions with current members of the City Council, and whether they should seek another term. As is usual in these situations, Borer, who is the odds-on nominee is looking to install her own peeps into the council chamber.

Sammy sez that all but two current members have stated they aren't interested in returning. Several have been there for three or more terms and the savor o' the position loses something after a time, especially when yew consider the hours needed. And, let's face it. Dealing with the public is not easy.

Tennyrate, there seems there will be a big turn-over on the Demmy side, but not all. We're hearing that one or two of the current members have said they will primary for their seats if they are forced. So, there is that going on.

Then there is the primary situation. During the last few months, Sammy reported that Ed O'Brien backed out as a candidate, since he was only doing an "exploratory" look-see into the possibility of running. With Borer now in the race, don't be surprised effen the field is whittled down to two – and maybe fewer!

Victor Borrás has said he is running, but one wonders effen he isn't doing a little negotiation to back outta the race

for maybe his council seat again? Borrás doesn't have a lotta name recognition, whilst Dorinda has been around the block once or twice.

Don't be surprised effen the possibility of a Demmy primary goes the way of all flesh, and quickly. Effen one has aspirations to be mayor, losing a primary ain't the way to build one's political resume. We shall see.

When the Demmy Town Committee meets for its biennial caucuses in a few days, don't be surprised effen the field clears, Borer is given the nomination and a slew of council candidates are endorsed – and there won't be too many new faces, methinks. Given the fack the Borer faction of the party will take charge, look to see those faces in the slots. It's jest a revolving door.

That leaves what is going on in the GOP. That primary still seems to be in the cards. With three candidates, none of whom seem to wanna back out, on the roster, things will be percolating on that side of the aisle when the caucus meets. Don't be surprised effen Paige Goldstein gets the nod from the GOP Town Committee. In fack, both Steven Mullins and Barry Cohen expect that to be the case.

She has garnered the favor of the leaders of the party, and every time the name is mentioned, the fack she might have some of her own kopecks involved in the run comes up.

The GOP ain't exactly swimming in cash. So, Weinstein is expected to get the nod even though (getting back to name recognition) she ain't exactly a household name hereabouts.

Nope, expect that she'll be the nominee, and then will have a three-way primary. There is a concerted effort to make sure Cohen doesn't get the nod, which is kind of surprising – and goes perty much against Poly Sci 101. There's a lotta inside-baseball stuff going on in the party, so don't expect it to be a white glove primary.

Mullins and Cohen certainly have name recognition. Mullins is in a lotta organizations, and does a lot in the community. Cohen ran a business in town, is involved in several projects, and was the nominee in the last election, losing by only a handful of ballots.

So, the question remains, no matter who wins come September, is the party gonna be able to come together to support the winner? With Dorinda Borer in the race, it'll be interesting, cuz whilst many in the party are die-hard Republicans, there are enough who like to play in the sand box with Demmies to make it a big question mark. We shall

see, but given the party's past history, I wouldn't bet the mortgage on GOPers havin' a kumbaya moment.

The Wag was in t'other day and noted that the city is making Beach Street some Shoreline Zone or t'other to keep the neighborhood from becoming a high-rise haven. The Wag, who looks at things in the broad sense at times, said that the city is fond of putting areas in "zones" but after the hoopla and the ink is dry on the press release, things seldom git done.

He used as his example the "Enterprise Zone" the city designated for Front Avenue adjacent to the West River and along Spring Street. Whilst there have been some improvements in existing businesses, the long line of businesses looking to get into the zone never quite materialized the way it was advertised.

That ain't the only zone that has been used over the years. Remember the Enterprise Zone announced two decades ago for West River Crossing that was gonna extend all the way to North Street? That was a big hoopla, and withered on the vine.

Even when the erstwhile Haven Project was announced, the area it was to take up was much smaller than that big announcement promised. Yew git the idea. Yew wouldn't wanna hang for as long as we've been waiting for things to pan out in this burg.

Meanwhile, with the Beach Street reconstruction, and the spots that are up for sale, and setch, don't expect too much. Hope for the best, but expect little.

Iva Lootey noted that the New England Brewery project is now "back to the drawing board." One wondered cuz after all the hoopla of that announcement, things kind o' petered out to the pernt people were wonderin' effen that plan was withdrawn.

Well, Iva sez with a new plan coming about, maybe some kind of accommodation can be made for the Savin Rock Museum? The city was gonna take the artifacts and let the developers make some kind of display, but that didn't set too well with those who wanna see the museum survive, including people who are in economic development in the city.

Not sure what's gonna happen, it's like reading tea leaves or who is standing next to Stalin at the Kremlin, yew never know what to expect. Still after hearing nothing about this project for a long time, it's nice to know it ain't dead.

With that bit o' chatter, I'll close this time till next, mitt luff und kizzez,

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Borer ends speculation, runs for mayor

Checking off several “cornerstones” her administration would be built upon, Democrat Dorinda Keenan Borer ended weeks of speculation and announced a run for the party’s nomination for mayor in November. Borer’s announcement makes her the third Democrat to seek the nod but becomes the odds-on favorite now that former Mayor Edward M. O’Brien has dropped out, endorsing her, leaving Eighth District Councilman Victor Borrás. The announcement, last Thursday, saw a large contingent of supporters and family members at the shore, and gave Borer the forum she needed to enumerate the reasons she is seeking the office.

Her speech recounted her early life and professional experiences, as well as those political offices she has held, all of which gave her certain knowledge, or honed certain talents. Those became cornerstones upon which her administration would be built. They included marketing, drawing on her master’s degree in communication and marketing, related to that communication and transparency, and finally compromise as learned in her recent experience in the state capitol, where she has served on several committees, boards, and is currently the deputy speaker.

In recounting her experience, Borer said all the meanderings of her business, professional and political life have given her the abilities needed to move the city in a new direction. It was the past six years as the representative from the 115th Assembly District, where Borer learned how state government, state agencies and bill passage work.

“And while the experience I take away from the State Rep role include learning of how our state agencies work and what they can do for us and where the funding pools are, the greatest take away has been the art of compromise. And it’s an art, but I learned nothing happens in government without working across

the aisle and within your own party to get things done,” she said. “I’ve been chairing the two largest bipartisan caucuses at the Capitol. The residents deserve Administration that is no nonsense and can bring people together for the sake of progress. So, collaboration will be another cornerstone of my administration.”

Borer then answered the question of why she is seeking the nomination.

“Here’s the reality, I along with our State Delegation members are securing the funding for West Haven projects, over \$22 million to improve our city, but those projects are not moving. And they aren’t moving because we don’t have a ground game here,” she said. “Vision can only be realized if there is a strong team to bring those projects to fruition. And we don’t have that right now.”

Projects that have been earmarked with state funds are not moving, she said. She pointed to Beach Street’s reconstruction project as an example. The funds were secured in 2020, with work beginning just last month. The pedestrian bridge and funding for downtown have lain untouched for years, she said, before things were accomplished.

This lack of movement includes grants and funding that go to other towns and cities, but never find their way here.

“We need someone who is going to pull up a folding chair and sit at the table and say West Haven’s in the House. I know where those opportunities are that we need to capitalize on them for us. Because sadly I’ve been watching as surrounding towns have prospered, while we have stagnated,” she said.

Borer then listed five areas of immediate concern:

~~ Downtown: She said it doesn’t need a facelift, but “major surgery,” and there are funds in state and federal programs that can help;

~~ The Haven: The city needs to communicate with

the Simon Group and determine what its plans are as well as its current status;

~~ The Boston Post Road needs an upgrade with the city helping business owners toward that end;

~~ Railroad Avenue/Frontage Road: Designating that stretch a “Biotech Enterprise Zone” allowing the city to get state and federal dollars. Other such designations could be on the table for other areas of the city;

~~ Beach Street: Pushing building owners to upgrade their locations;

~~ Economic Development: Expanding the city’s outreach not only to “big box” or large corporations, but small businesses as well, offering grant programs and other incentives;

~~ Streamlining operations: Changing the way the city does business resulting in a new influx of interested parties.

The final policy comment from Borer came concerning the Municipal Accountability Review Board. Saying the city has “overstayed its welcome,” Borer said a new relationship has to be forged with the panel.

“We need to partner with them, take their input, build

trust and confidence so that we can say, ‘Thank you, now we got this. We can run our own city now.’ But we have to build that trust and I think by mentioning all the cornerstones of the administration, I can get us there sooner rather than later.”

After laying the groundwork, Borer capped off the statement with what her supporters wanted to hear.

“My place is here home in West Haven with you, and that is why I am formally announcing my candidacy for mayor,” she said.



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Savin Rock Festival '23

It is hard to believe it has been more than 40 years since the first Savin Rock Festival took place at West Haven High School's Ken Strong Stadium and adjacent fields. The idea was one that came from the leadership of the West Haven Chamber of Commerce, and it was that organization that shepherded the idea to reality and kept it going when it seemed the political powers-that-be were willing to see it die. Some three decades later, it is a festival that is eagerly awaited by the public, and one that is permanently tied to the Old Grove Park, site of much of the old amusement park.

It was the amusement park and of West Haven as a resort community for much of its history that was the reason the Savin Rock Festival came into being. In the years since the city saw the destruction of that stretch of buildings housing amusements, rides, and shows in 1966, a new attitude arose among many swaths of the community. In those years just after the park became a memory there was a strong feeling among many the city should forget its past and move on to a new - and uncertain - future.

Problem was a new generation had grown up by 1982, and it wanted to know about the things it had heard from an older generation. It heard about the Virginia Reel, the Skyblazer, and the Laff in the Dark, but all it had to connect with it were stories and aging photographs.

The West Haven they heard about might as well have been a thousand miles away. They wanted to know more.

The festival was born as a weekend event, heading by the Chamber and its leadership, but dependent on the many civic and fraternal organizations that got on board.

That first festival saw an estimated 50,000 people fill various parts of the high school's athletic fields. This was the era before the Fitzgerald Complex and its fenced-in ballparks, lights and synthetic surfaces. The eventual reconstruction of the facility into a multi-purpose sports complex we know now commenced about five years after the festival began (1987) and was going to displace the summer event.

For a long while city officials were reticent to move the festival to the best venue - the Old Grove Park. Savin Rock Renewal contracts prohibited certain sales and it was feared allowing over-the-counter food and other sales would put the city behind a legal eight-ball.

Eventually though, an agreement was reached, and since that time, the festival has had permanent digs at Old Grove Park.

Since that time, the festival has attracted in excess of 100,000 people a year, and become a highlight of the summer season. Nightly concerts, shows put on by various local talent, and a food court that spotlights some of the best the city has to offer has made it a popular place to be on the last weekend in July.

Many of the people who were instrumental in the foundation of the Savin Rock Festival are no longer with us. But, their mantle has been taken up by a newer generation - and the same city that once worried about violation of a contract now sponsors the organizing committee.

As in past years, Yale University and the University of New Haven have contributed sponsorships that have made the annual fundraising efforts easier.

The festival has remained a celebration of a community's storied past - and its people.



The joy of minor league ball

By Rich Lowry
Syndicated Columnist

The Portland Sea Dogs won, but that's not why, fundamentally, the fans went home happy.

The Double-A minor league affiliate of the Boston Red Sox, the Sea Dogs play in a cozy ballpark in Portland, Maine, and are having a pretty good year -- their 2-1 victory over the Binghamton Rumble Ponies was their fourth in a row and they're in first place in the Northeast Division of the Eastern League.

I attended the Sunday afternoon ballgame during a summer stay in Maine, and I, too, went home satisfied, even though I have no rooting interest in the Sea Dogs, the Rumble Ponies, or any other Eastern League team, not even the Akron RubberDucks.

No, I was content to bask in the glow of minor league baseball, one of the glories of an American summer. The mascots loom large, the between-innings entertainment is amusingly inventive, the scores don't matter (much), and everything is geared to creating warm memories around the game that may not be the national pastime anymore, but still occupies an outsized place in the national consciousness.

At its best, minor-league

baseball combines the feel of a small-town parade and a meeting of the local Rotary Club, with nine innings of baseball interspersed.

The level of competition is, obviously, nothing like the majors; there's no Shohei Ohtani on the field. On the other side of the coin, there's usually no insane traffic and hassle, no highway-robbery prices (a hot dog at a Baltimore Orioles game costs \$8.25), and no jerks cursing at the top of their lungs.

You can get general admission tickets for a Portland Sea Dog games for a whopping \$11.

The allure of minor league baseball in the ordinary course of things isn't a high-stakes series against a bitter rival or a particular star. (The title of one book about the minors is "Where Nobody Knows Your Name.") Rather, it's the experience; everything is smaller scale and friendlier.

In Portland, the ballpark staff is so cheerful and solicitous you almost wouldn't be surprised if they invited you to come by their place for a clambake after the game.

On this afternoon, the team was honoring Special Olympians from Maine. A number of the athletes were part of a group that threw out first pitches, and one sang the na-

tional anthem, in a particularly heartfelt and moving rendition.

Meanwhile, the team's mascot, Slugger, who looks like a dog but is supposed to be a harbor seal, performed in skits between innings, including his tradition of losing a race with a kid around the bases. (His entry in the Mascot Hall of Fame puts his lifetime record in these races at 0-1,928.)

It all happens at Hadlock Field, considered one of the best of the minor league parks. It opened in 1994 but feels like more of a throwback. It is nestled among the city's streets, the way the classic major league ballparks once were. Railroad tracks run behind left field and an old brick exhibition center abuts the right-field line.

With a capacity of about 7,000, there isn't a bad seat in the place. Balls fouled back behind home plate routinely leave the facility entirely. In a homage to the Green Monster in Fenway Park, left field has a 37-foot-high green fence topped by a Citgo sign and giant Coke bottle.

On Sundays, the Sea Dogs let kids under age 16 run the bases after games. Given the number of families in attendance, it's tantamount to inviting half the ballpark to file

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Photo courtesy of Steven R. Mullina

Fellowcraft scholarship

The Fellowcraft Club of Annawon Lodge, 115 Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of West Haven presented a \$500 scholarship check to Joseph Malangone, who graduated from West Haven High School last month. Malangone will be attending Texas A & M University this fall. Pictured from left to right are: Lodge Secretary and Past Master Dennis Frosolone, Senior Warden and Fellowcraft Club President Joey McVety (presenting the check to Malangone), Carrie Malangone, his mother and Worshipful Master Christopher Belous.



Viet Vets seek names for memorial addition

Current and former city residents who served in the Vietnam War are sought by the West Haven Vietnam Memorial Inc. Committee to have their names inscribed on a new section of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Bradley Point Park.

To qualify for name recognition on the memorial "wall," Vietnam veterans must apply and meet the following requirements:

- Applicants must live or have lived in West Haven. Veterans living in West Haven must provide proof of residence, such as a utility bill.
- Applicants must have served in-country during the Vietnam War.
- Applicants must have been honorably discharged from military service. A DD214 form (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty) is required.
- Applicants must share potential costs, if any.

The committee does not have a formal application. Veterans must mail all documents, which are due Oct. 1, to West Haven Vietnam Veterans, City Hall, lower level, 355 Main St., West Haven 06516.

Those with questions can call Bill at 203-521-2356, Steve at 475-655-2993 or Paul at 203-500-2159.

The Vietnam Veterans Memorial includes a black granite wall inscribed with the names of those from West Haven who served or gave their lives in Vietnam from 1959 to 1975, along with three white flagpoles draped with the American, Connecticut and prisoner-of-war flags.

The memorial, dedicated Nov. 12, 2003, also includes a black granite map of the four battle districts of Vietnam bearing the inscription "All Gave Some, Some Gave All," as well as five bronze insignia markers atop black granite posts representing each branch of the U.S. armed forces.

Lowry: *Minor League ball*

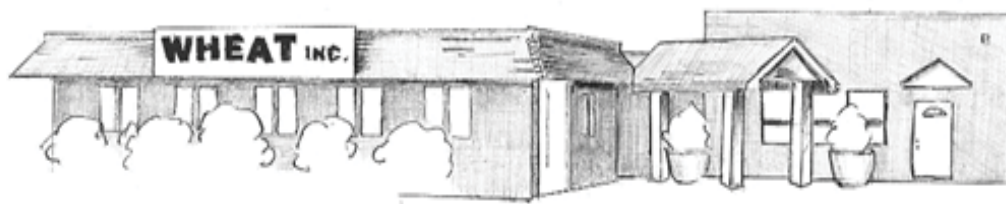
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onto the well-manicured field. Hundreds of kids make the circuit around first and to home -- where just minutes before the professionals were playing -- at top speed. Pure. Joy.

And, oh, yeah, Portland starting pitcher Isaac Coffey struck out nine, and catcher Nathan Hickey hit a two-run homer in the victory.

It's always one, two, three strikes, you're out, at the old ball game, but the minor leagues offer a particularly charming version of the timeless game.

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 Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.  
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### Mullins names campaign chief

Republican Mayoral candidate Steven R. Mullins has appointed John Johnston as his campaign chief of staff. "With an impressive background in political campaigns and a deep understanding of the political landscape in New York City, Johnston brings a wealth of experience and expertise," Mullins said.

Johnston, a registered Democrat, has been actively

involved in numerous high-profile campaigns throughout New York, including serving as a key member of the teams for Bloomberg for Mayor and Garcia for Mayor. In addition, he has lent his skills and knowledge to various congressional, city council, assembly and state senate races, making him a seasoned professional in the field of political campaigning. Johnston's educational background further strengthens his qualifications for his new role. He holds a master's degree in political science from Brooklyn College. Additionally, his studies in urban planning at Hunter College

provide him with valuable insights into the unique challenges and opportunities facing West Haven.

"I am confident that John's extensive campaign experience, combined with his academic background will be instrumental in shaping and implementing effective strategies for the upcoming election," Mullins said.

"I am thrilled to join the Mullins Team as chief of staff," said Johnston. "I believe in the potential of West Haven and in Steven Mullins' vision for a prosperous future. I look forward to working closely with the team to build a strong

campaign that resonates with the diversity of West Haven," Johnston said.

### Treating basins

The Health Department, together with the Department of Public Works, has begun treating catch basins and other potential mosquito breeding sites throughout the city.

### Farmers Market open for season

The Tony Inzero Farmers Market has opened its 2023 season next to the Oak Street Beach parking lot off Captain Thomas Boulevard.

The market, nestled on the

right side of the beach lot, includes state farmers selling homegrown fruits and vegetables and crafters selling wares from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursdays and Saturdays through Oct. 14.

It features artisan breads by Hoffman Unlimited LLC, sauces and jams by Chile King LLC, and salts, oils and vinegars by Dash N' Drizzle.

The farmers market is partnering with ArtsWest CT this season to showcase a variety of entertainment, such as live performances and unique demonstrations, at the Saturday markets.

The market also includes more than 20 different vendors, crafters, organizations and food trucks during the season.

The Thursday markets feature What the Truck?! BBQ, in addition to ice cream at both markets.

Parking is available in the Oak Street municipal lot and on Palace Street. Oak Street is on the senior shuttle route and the CTtransit route. In addition, a van will run from the West Haven Senior Center, 201 Noble St., to Oak Street at 10:30 a.m. Thursdays.

The Department of Elderly Services will start distributing reusable farmers market cards to eligible city residents. Residents 60 and older who meet income requirements are eligible for \$24 vouchers in the form of electronic cards. For information on the Seniors Farmers Market Nutrition Program, call the department at (203) 937-3507.

### 2 bus trips open

The West Haven Senior Center is offering two bus trips. The first is to the Aqua Turf Club in Southington on Sept. 12 for an afternoon of '60s and '70s classics performed by Rainere Martin as Donna Summer and The Brass Attack Band. The second to Mystic Seaport is on Sept. 27.

The trip includes the seaport's flagship attractions, such as the largest maritime museum in the U.S., ship tours and a half-hour cruise on the Mystic River aboard the Sabino, the nation's oldest wooden, coal-burning steamboat.

The cost is \$130 and includes transportation, gratuities, admission to the seaport, the Sabino cruise and lunch at Scotch Plains Tavern in Essex. Lunch selection is made at the time of reservation. Payment is due Aug. 18.

The bus departs at 9 a.m. from the Veterans Memorial Park parking lot at 91 Bull Hill Lane, the former Nike site, and leaves around 3:30 p.m. from Essex. Non-senior center members and nonresidents are welcome. To make a reservation, call the center at (203) 937-3507.

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# Delayed fireworks still enthrall thousands



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Clockwise from top left - Rockets explode over Bradley Point in a shower of red, white and blue sparks at the Savin Rock Fireworks Spectacular on July 5. Early partiers got choice spots at Savin Rock Park. West Haven Youth Soccer League President John Vinci, left, prepares to flip a light switch to launch the fireworks from a portable stage in front of Savin Rock as master of ceremonies Brian Hayden fires up the crowd. Hayden is a program coordinator at the city's Department of Parks and Recreation.



By Michael P. Walsh  
*Special to the Voice*

West Haven Youth Soccer League President John Vinci flipped a light switch to launch the Savin Rock Fireworks Spectacular on July 5.

The moment Vinci flipped the switch, fireworks blasted off Bradley Point and exploded over Long Island Sound, dazzling thousands of patriotic revelers along West Haven's 3 miles of public beaches with a display of brilliant lighting and booming sound effects.

The half-hour pyrotechnic show, presented by the Savin Rock Fireworks Committee, was postponed from July 3 because of thunderstorms.

Vinci, the city's 2022 Italian American of the Year and an ardent fireworks supporter, was joined onstage in front of West Haven's prominent Sav-

in Rock landmark by master of ceremonies Brian Hayden.

Hayden, a program coordinator at the Department of Parks and Recreation, greeted the Savin Rock crowd and thanked city departments and committee members, including co-Chairwomen Sandy McCauley and Marianne Drapeau, for helping to organize the large-scale event.

He then led the crowd in a spirited countdown — "5, 4, 3, 2, 1!" — before Vinci flipped the switch and triggered an assortment of rockets that flew and burst over Bradley Point in a shower of colored sparks.

Just offstage, Vinci's family — wife Joanne, son Chris, daughter-in-law Colleen and grandson Christian — looked on as the fireworks went off with a bang.

Before the display, families and friends danced to horn-powered party hits performed by Rubber City on the Savin Rock stage.

During the afternoon, people enjoyed a craft fair on the east side of the Rock while bands — five in all — from West Haven's Rock House School of Music performed onstage.

As the music played, a fleet of food and dessert trucks lined the westbound lane of Captain Thomas Boulevard, near Dyke Street, and dished up burgers, hot dogs, pizza, fried dough and tacos, as well as ice cream and kettle corn.

Police closed Captain Thomas Boulevard and Ocean Avenue, from Kelsey Avenue to South Street, for several hours to give the festivities a block party feel.

The city has not hosted the fireworks on July 3 since 2019 and will try again next July 3, organizers said.

The display is the city's largest one-day event, attracting tens of thousands of residents and visitors.

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# 'Coffee with historian' begins fund efforts

An effort to fund a new library/historical archive for the West Haven Fire Department (First Taxation District) has begun, and promises to be the first of many efforts to engage the public in the effort.

On July 1, West Haven Fire Department Historian William Heffernan hosted a fundraiser supporting the WHFD Historical Library. "Coffee with the Historian" was the first in what plans to be a series of fundraisers hoping to help pay for operating costs as well as the acquisition of many WHFD historical artifacts.

The James Graham Hook & Ladder scale model Ladder Wagon that was hand crafted by company members in the 1890's. The model had been missing for over 120 years and was thought to be lost to history. The Historical Library was able to locate it and have it refurbished at great cost.

Also on display were two white helmets that once belonged to former Chief of Department Joseph Howell (1971-1981). These were also recently tracked down and acquired by the Historical Library.

Heffernan presented the story of the Ladder Wagon's history as well as giving an overview of what services the WHFD Historical Library provides and its mission and vision for the future.

Captain Jacob Urban introduced Danny the Fire Dog and gave a short presentation on the Department's newest Canine. Fire Department Coffee, a non-profit organization owned by veterans and operated by firefighters, donated the coffee for the event.

The foundation supports Firefighters who have been injured on the job, either physically or mentally, as well as firefighters who are battling long term illnesses.

Future events are planned.

Photos courtesy of William Heffernan

The James Graham Hook & Ladder Company 1 model was on display during the "Coffee with the Historian" event, July 1. Below -- WHFD Historian William Heffernan makes his presentation on plans for the library. On the table are two helmets worn by Chief Joseph Howell during his tenure.








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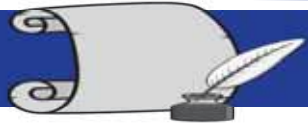
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# Historian's corner

By Dan Shine

## The Twilight League

With thanks to the late Harry Noyes III and the late Vin Di-Lauro

In 1959, The Boy lived on Kelsey Avenue; on summer nights, he was allowed to ride his bicycle up to Painter Park each night after dinner, "just as long as you're home before dark."

This newfound freedom was exhilarating for the seven year-old, and unthinkable for

any parent or child of today's era.

Once he arrived at the park, The Boy would stop and watch part of the baseball games that seemed to be taking place every night. To The Boy's inexperienced eyes, it was clear that this "Twilight League" was a far cry from Little League games that he had seen—these were men, not boys—and for sure they knew exactly what they were

doing.

But where did the Twilight League come from and what are they doing today?

It is remarkable in our current age of social networking that somehow the West Haven Twilight League went from concept to reality in just a matter of days. On May 13, 1933, a group of sportsmen sat on a bench on West Haven Green; they were the Metcalfe brothers Herb, Bob and Ted, Johnny

King, Ed Canavanm, Hugh O'Neil and Eddie "Shrimp" Flynn.

A few days later, sports fans met at the West Haven Armory to elect the first slate of officers, and on May 18, 400 fans left West Haven's old Town Hall and made their way to Painter Park, where they greeted the ball players. On that day, Flynn's Collegians faced the North Ends in the league's first game. As they played, someone passed the hat; nickels, dimes and even pennies were dropped in, and the League was off and running.

The Twilight League continued to enjoy the enthusiasm of the players and the community all the way into the 1940s, when they suspended play during World War II. When peacetime returned, so did the Twilight League, for the younger players and fans, as well as returning WWII veterans. It should be noted that in 1959 the Painter Park ballfield on which they played was named Noyes Field in honor of the man who conceived it, saw it through, and spent his evenings picking stones from the field to make it more worthy of the games and the players who would play there: that man was Harry Noyes Sr.

It should be noted the West Haven Twilight League is considered one of the oldest continuously active league of its kind in the country.

Today, his grandson Harry Noyes III recalls fondly the evenings during the 1930s that grandfather and grandson spent, out there in a town truck, tending the ballfield. (NOTE: Harry Noyes III passed away in April of this year at the age of 91.)



Dan Shine is a columnist for the West Haven Voice, and local history buff.



HARRY NOYES III



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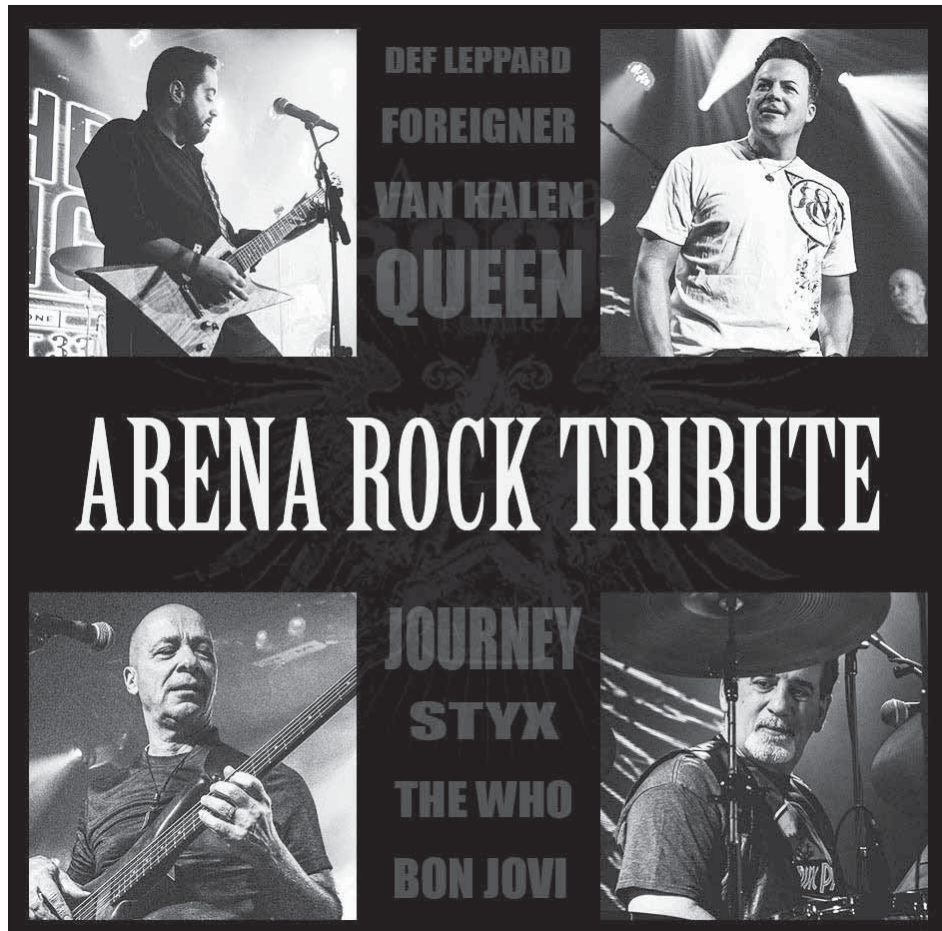
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Arena Rock Tribute will headline Day 2 of the Savin Rock Festival by unleashing the monsters of rock in Old Grove Park at 8 p.m. July 29 and playing a two-hour show celebrating the music, performance and spectacle of the

melodic rock of the '70s and '80s. Shaded Soul Band will headline Day 1 of the Savin Rock Festival by performing R&B favorites and pop gems in Old Grove Park at 8 p.m. July 28.

## Festival: *Concerts, attractions head up schedule*

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for a sixth time.

The Kathy Thompson Band will play funk, soul and R&B music at 6 p.m., followed by Shaded Soul Band, performing R&B favorites and pop gems, at 8 p.m.

Day 2 will kick off at noon July 29 with the festival's second annual Touch-a-Truck event, held next to the Oak Street Beach parking lot off Captain Thomas Boulevard until 4 p.m.

At 1 p.m. and 2 p.m., firefighters of the West Haven Fire Department, led by Fire Marshal Roger Sicotte, will demonstrate the department's 35-foot smoke trailer and show children what to do in case of a fire.

Firefighters of the West Shore Fire Department will demonstrate the department's amphibious rescue boat at 2 p.m.

At 3 p.m., West Haven firefighters will demonstrate the Jaws of Life tool by prying open parts of a vehicle to free those trapped inside.

At 4 p.m., The Generators will open the diverse musical lineup by playing a 90-minute set of classic rock anthems.

Just before the concert, Smith will introduce Garcia, who will sing the national anthem.

Then, at 6 p.m., Magic of Motown, sponsored by West Haven Vietnam Veterans Inc., will perform a high-energy mix of R&B hits from the acclaimed catalog of

Detroit's Motown Records, known as "Hitsville U.S.A."

At 8 p.m., Arena Rock Tribute will unleash the monsters of rock and play a two-hour show celebrating the music, performance and spectacle of the melodic rock of the '70s and '80s, including Queen, Journey, Van Halen and Bon Jovi.

"Arena Rock Tribute performs rock blocks of their greatest hits with undeniable energy and precision that makes for an exciting event," the band said in a statement.

Watch the band's promotional video on YouTube: <https://youtu.be/RrvMxzg8ILU>.

West Haven's flagship festival was established in 1982 by the Chamber of Commerce — initially under the direction of Brian M. Stone, David Gesler and Michael Shiner and thereafter by John L. Perrone and his wife, Mary Perrone — to bring organizations, clubs, businesses and families together for a summer festival that celebrates life in one of America's oldest maritime communities.

From the dawn of the Savin Rock House hotel in 1838, the Rock had long been a resort hub until it was officially incorporated as an amusement park by the Savin Rock Park Co. on Memorial Day 1925, when it opened to 300,000 visitors and 66,000 automobiles in one spectacular day.

For the next 40 years, the popular seaside park captured the hearts and imaginations of "Rock rats" young and old. "The playground of New England" closed on Sept. 21, 1966, to make way for the Savin Rock Urban Renewal Project.



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## At a Glance

### Food distribution, Aug. 19

A Community Food Give-away is planned for Saturday, Aug. 19, at the Tony Inzero Farmers Market, sponsored by a concerned resident. The non-perishable food distribution will begin at 10 a.m., and be given on a first-come, first-served, basis.

Those who need information should contact oyabunmialston@gmail.com.

### Juneteenth rescheduled

The city's third annual celebration of Juneteenth will take place on Saturday, July 22 at Brent Watt Park, 24 Tile Street in Allingtown. Admission is free for all ages.

The celebration was postponed due to bad weather on June 19. The festivities will take place between 11-3 with entertainment, food and vendor booths.

Entertainment will include a variety of performances from a cross section of genres. Free parking is available at the University of New Haven Isadore Street entrance.

### Bowling league offered

West Haven's Youth and Family Services and Department of Parks and Recreation are teaming up to provide an alternative enrichment bowling league for residents ages 13-17.

The 10-pin league is for West Haven residents and will take place at the Bowlero Milford bowling alley, 1717 Boston Post Road, from 4-6 p.m. Tuesdays, through -Aug. 1.

The four-week program costs \$25 per child. The fee includes two weekly games of bowling, a shoe rental, a pizza slice and soda, as well as a \$7 arcade card each week.

Bus transportation is provided for those enrolled in the program. Participants must ride the bus — no drop-offs at Bowlero.

Bus pickup sites and times are: Carrigan Intermediate School, 2 Tetlow St., 3:15 p.m., and

Bailey Middle School, 106 Morgan Lane, 3:30 p.m.

The bus will depart at the designated time and will not wait for those who are late.

Register for the program at [https://westhavenct.myrec.com/info/activities/program\\_details.aspx?ProgramID=29763](https://westhavenct.myrec.com/info/activities/program_details.aspx?ProgramID=29763).

Anyone with questions can email Youth and Family Services Director Diane Dietman at dietman@westhaven-ct.gov.

### Pizza Party for candidate

Ansonia Republican Mayor David Cassetti, Derby Republican Mayor Richard Dziekan and Greenwich Republican First Selectman Fred Camillo are hosting a Community Pizza Party for West Haven Republican Mayoral Candidate Steven R. Mullins.

"Steve Mullins is the best candidate for Mayor of West Haven. He has proven his dedication and has shown leadership for many years." Said Cassetti. "David, Fred and I are honored to come to West Haven to help out Steve. I've been watching him for a long time and see how he gets things done." Dziekan said.

The all you can eat pizza party will be held this Sunday, July 23, from 1-3:00 at Mike's Apizza, 111 Campbell Ave. It is \$10 per person.

For more information, call Mullins for West Haven Chief of Staff John Johnston at (347) 932-3629.

### Christmas in July at Poli House

The West Haven Historical Society will host its annual Christmas in July fundraiser on Saturday, July 22, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., at the Poli Mansion, 686 Savin Ave., corner of Main. Free Admission.

A variety of vendors: wreaths, jewelry, no-tecards, polymer clay items, craft items, tree raffle and more will be on sale.

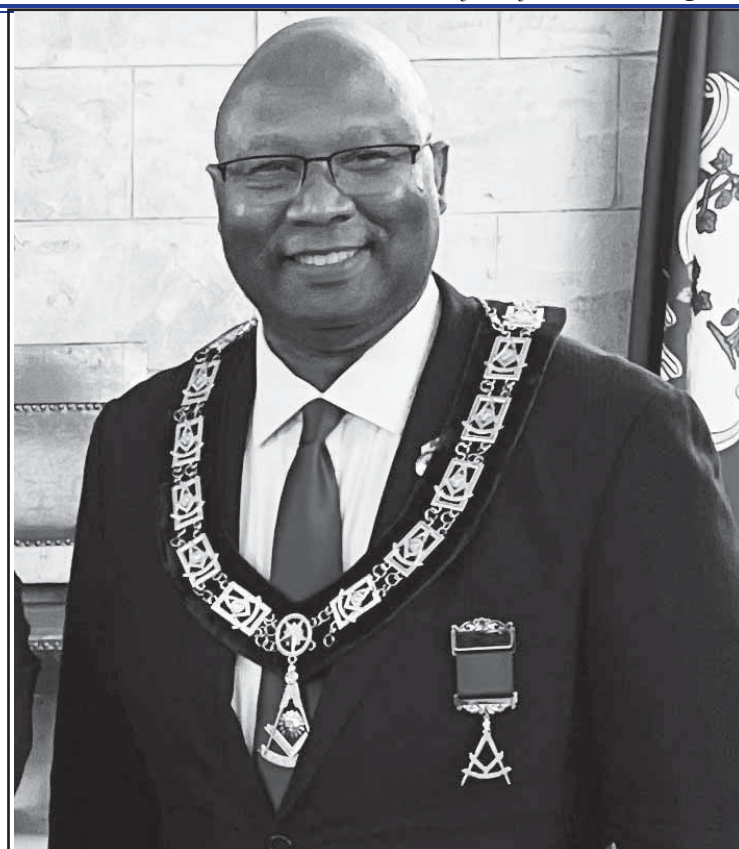


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## Mullins to be honored by Masons, Lions Club

The West Haven Lions Club and Annawon Lodge, #115, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of West Haven will be honoring Steven R. Mullins for a quarter of a century of service to West Haven at a dinner and testimonial program on Saturday, August 26th at 4:00 pm at the Lodge, located at 263 Center Street, West Haven.

Appointed by Mayor John Picard to the West Haven Planning and Zoning Commission in 2007, Mullins served on the Commission for sixteen years until last January. For six of those years, he served as either Chairman or Vice Chairman of the Commission.

In 1999, Mullins was elected Justice of the Peace by the West Haven Republican Town Committee. He also served on the 2001-03 West Haven Charter Revision Commission.

Mullins has served as a Connecticut State Elections Moderator and an Assistant Registrar of Voters in many city elections and primaries. He has served as a volunteer firefighter in the Allingtown District for nineteen years and has been President of the West Haven Black Heritage Committee since 2016.

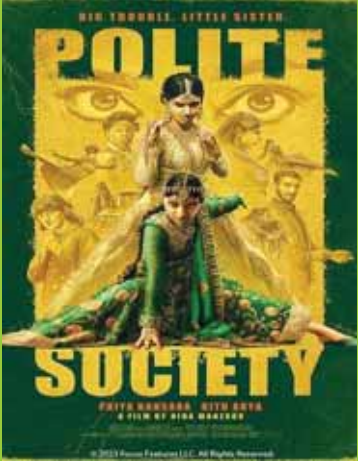
Mullins is Vice President of the Lions Club and is a Past Master of the West Haven Masons. He is a communicant of the Episcopalian Church of the Holy Spirit in West Haven.

Dinner tickets are \$35 per person. Proceeds go to the benevolent work of the West Haven Lions Club and the Annawon Lodge Fellowcraft Club. These charitable deeds include scholarship awards and veteran assistance programs.

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# Stadium, track, Biondi all to get facelift

By Danny Atkinson  
Voice Writer

High school athletics has always been an important part of West Haven's identity and has brought residents together. The success of West Haven High School in many sports speaks to the support from both the school community and the city at large. That support is apparent when one visits the athletic facilities that surround the WHHS campus, which co-Athletic Director Michael Anquillare described as the nicest in the surrounding area. Nevertheless, every field needs a makeover occasionally.

Ken Strong Stadium, Elliott Marnell Track, and the Frank Biondi Softball Field, which are all within Fitzgerald Sports Complex, have each needed major renovations or reconstruction projects since the facility opened in 1989. When the West Haven American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Committee began examining projects at West Haven High it could spend the federal funds on, Anquillare and fellow AD Joe Morrell recognized an opportunity for these fields and the track to get necessary updates. Come the 2023-24 school year, the fields would again be state-of-the-art.

Beginning last year, the ADs and ARPA Committee Chairman Ken Carney came together with Superintendent Neil C. Cavallaro and Sports Complex Manager Chris Everone to form a committee to discuss and outline the renovations and reconstruction that could be done to these fields and

the track with available funds. While the number of desired improvements was long, removing and replacing the synthetic turf on the football field, doing the same with the synthetic track, and converting the grass softball field, which has had extensive drainage issues, to an all-weather turf field were at the top of the list.

Carney succinctly described why the fields and track needed to be worked on as soon as possible.

"The turf football field is 12 years old and has been subject to hurricane flooding multiple times, and the surrounding track has been in place for roughly 15 years and has two unusable lanes. The softball field can be unusable at times at the beginning of the season and after high tides and heavy rain," he said.

"Everything came together to have these projects worked on at the same time," Anquillare said. "It's hard to think of another school that has so many quality facilities in an athletic complex. Our athletes are very lucky to play on them."

After the committee came up with the renovations and reconstructions that were needed and presented them to the City Council and ARPA Committee, Carney and the committee approached the companies FieldTurf USA Inc. and Astro Turf to each do a quote of how much funding was needed based upon their proposal. At the same time, Carney said a team from the engineering firm KBA (based in New Britain) did a study on



The Frank Fitzgerald Athletic Complex's Ken Strong Stadium, the Elliott Marnell Track, and Frank Biondi Softball Field will all get a facelift this fall. Federal ARPA funds will pay for the upgrades.

the fields and track to tell everyone involved in the project "exactly what was wrong with them." The quotes showed that using FieldTurf would be more affordable and WHHS could renegotiate the proposal with them more easily.

The ARPA committee and FieldTurf came to an official agreement to work on a project to renovate and reconstruct Ken Strong Stadium, Biondi Field, and Marnell Track in the spring. The final amount of appropriated funds came to \$2,560,650. Carney and Anquillare verified that the work on the football field be-

gan the week of July 17 and will continue the remainder of the summer, running through September. Work should be done in time for West Haven's opening football home game against Jonathan Law of Milford, Sept. 14.

Work on the track and softball field will then commence and run through the fall, with FieldTurf scheduled to finish its work on the softball field in December.

Carney said that because the work is all being covered by ARPA funds at once and the expense can be removed from a bonding list, West Haven taxpayers will not have to pay for any of the reconstruction and renovation at the Fitzgerald Complex.

The funding appropriated to the football field and track renovations is \$1,609,500. In addition to the synthetic turf and synthetic track surfacing being removed and replaced, FieldTurf is furnishing and installing a new 1.5" pavement overlay on the track. The track will be painted blue with gray exchange zones. FieldTurf will work to improve anchor curbing and furnish and install new drainage zones and jumping pits. Finally, the existing fencing posts will be painted and the mesh and poles surrounding the field and track will be replaced. A black vinyl coated chain link fence will be installed.

The funding appropriated towards the reconstruction of the softball field is \$919,500. This includes removing grass and installing synthetic turf, removing, and replacing of the dugouts, and the installation of new bullpens on both the third and first base side of the field. The bullpen on the

first base side will be within a batting cage. Finally, the existing backstop will be rebuilt with black vinyl tension netting and increased in size to meet the new dugout areas. As already stated, the reconstruction of Frank Biondi Field is anticipated to be done within a 3-month timeline in the fall.

The remainder of the project funding is the performance and payment bond and comes to \$31,650.

Carney and Anquillare said that their working relationships with the FieldTurf staff overseeing and working on the renovation and reconstruction of the fields and track at WHHS is strong and the project has gone smoothly so far. It is being overseen by Andrew Dyjak, the FieldTurf Regional Vice President for New England, and Christopher Hulk, the company's Director of Design and Construction.

Anquillare and Carney are very confident that this project will immediately have a positive impact on WHHS athletics, and its ramifications will be long-lasting.

"I think we did a very good job planning out how this project would go and researching all the important information for it," Anquillare said. "The school is really excited about this, and I can't tell you how happy I am to see the work finally being done. Once the athletes get on the fields, I think the improvements are really going to stand out."

"A lot of the facilities at WHHS are already state of the art, and I believe this reconstruction will enhance the quality of the sports complex considerably and offer a world-class facility to students," Carney said.



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# U19 baseball swept by Yanks in 3-game set

The bats went silent for the West Haven U19 baseball team as the Westies were swept by Hanks Yanks in a 3-game series.

In the opener, the Westies held a 5-2 lead into the sixth inning, but a two-out rally helped Hanks prevail 6-5.

The Westies jumped on the board first with a pair of runs in the first inning. Jeremiah Douglas and Hudson Axelrod drew consecutive walks, and singles by Haygen Axelrod and Jacob Fowler sandwiched a double play ball for a 2-0 lead.

With the game even at two, West Haven scored three times in the fifth inning to take a 5-2 advantage. Justin Wilson opened with a single, Mike Madera walked, and Ryan Wilson and Douglas followed with singles to put the Westies on top.

After getting the first two outs in the sixth, West Haven watched as Hanks rallied for four runs. Trailing by a run, West Haven looked to rally in the seventh, but left the tying run on third.

The Westies were then shut out 4-0 in the opener of a doubleheader, squandering numerous scoring opportunities.

Douglas was hit by a pitch and Hudson Axelrod walked in the first, but a bases loaded threat went by the boards. Trailing 1-0 in the second, Madera reached on a one-out error, Haygen Axelrod singled, and Lucas Forgette reached on another error to load the bases, but West Haven stranded the bases loaded.

After giving up three runs in the top of the inning, West Haven's last threat came in the fifth on a pair of one-out walks, but the Westies could not come up with the big hit in a shutout loss.

Hanks took an early lead in the nightcap with three runs in the first and two in the third, on the way to a 5-2 victory over West Haven.

West Haven bounced back with a doubleheader sweep of the New England Knights

at Piurek Field. The Westies used timely hitting and solid defense to post the victories.

In the opener, West Haven won the contest 3-2 in walk-off fashion in eight innings. Justin Wilson opened the eighth with a single, Forgette walked, and two outs later, Madera walked to load the bases. Douglas then singled to drive in Justin Wilson with the winning run.

West Haven took a 2-0 lead in the fourth inning as Madera led off with a walk, moved to second on a sacrifice by Douglas and scored on a wild pitch. After Hudson Axelrod and Ray Gilbert walked, Cam Cruz grounded out with Axelrod on third for a 2-0 lead.

Cruz picked up the win in relief, tossing three shutout innings. The West Haven pitcher did not allow a hit, while walking three and striking out two.

In the nightcap, West Haven scored six times in the sixth inning to post a 7-2 victory. Gilbert led the offense with two hits, while Fowler, Justin Wilson, Zach Bouteiller and Madera also added hits in the win.

Trailing 1-0 in the fourth, West Haven evened the game when Hudson Axelrod led off with a walk, moved to third when Gilbert reached on an error, and scored on a ground out by Cruz.

The Knights took a 2-1 lead in the bottom of the inning, before West Haven scored six times in the sixth to break the game open.

Gilbert tied the game at two when he doubled to score Douglas, who had led off with a walk, Fowler singled to score Gilbert, Justin Wilson singled to score Cruz, and with the bases loaded, walks by Ryan Wilson and Madera scored two more runs. Josh Osborne capped the scoring in the inning when he scored on a wild pitch.

Looking to gain momentum after the doubleheader sweep, West Haven could not do so as errors were too much to overcome in a 7-5 defeat at New

Haven.

The Westies got off to a quick start, taking a 3-0 lead in the first inning when Gilbert reached on an error to score a pair, before he later scored on a single by Justin Wilson.

Two West Haven errors in the bottom of the inning led to four New Haven runs. New Haven never trailed again, using a two-out, two-run single in the second to take a 7-3 lead.

Cruz, who had two hits in the game, singled to score Hudson Axelrod, who had walked in the third, before West Haven's defense got going to keep the team in the game.

Cruz made a stellar over the shoulder catch in the first, Forgette picked off a pair of runners, and trailing by two runs, a fly ball to Madera in the sixth was turned into an inning-ending double play at the plate.

West Haven got within two runs in the fifth when an error allowed Bouteiller to score, but the Westies could not get the equalizer.

West Haven then took on Madison in a three-game series. Madison won the first contest in its final at bat, before each time split the next two games in convincing fashion.

In the opener of the series at Madison, West Haven rallied with three late runs to tie the game, but the Westies watched as Madison scored with two outs in its last at bat to top the Westies 4-3.

Held to just two hits in the game and trailing 3-0, West Haven evened the game at three in the sixth on bases loaded walks by Fowler and Justin Wilson, before an error scored Gilbert, who reached on a fielder's choice, with the equalizer.

West Haven had two rallies go by the boards, unable to get the big hit. In the fourth, Gilbert singled and Cruz was hit by a pitch with one out, but both were left stranded. In the fifth, walks to Forgette and Madera had a pair on, but

both could not be driven in.

The two teams then met again on Saturday in a doubleheader with Madison scoring eight times in the first inning on four walks, two hit batters, and three hits, on its way to an 11-0 victory in the opener.

In the nightcap, West Haven trailed 1-0, before rallying for a 10-1 victory.

The Westies took a 3-1 lead in the third as Forgette and Madera sandwiched walks around a single by Osborne to load the bases. Forgette, scored on an error, Osbourne scored on a single by Hudson Axelrod, and Madera scored when Cruz was hit by a pitch.

West Haven extended the lead to 5-1 in the fifth as Madera and Douglas opened the inning with walks, and Hudson Axelrod singled to load the bases. Madera scored on a sacrifice fly to right by Gilbert, and Douglas scored on an error on the same play.

The Westies put the game

away with five runs in the seventh. Madera and Douglas again started the rally with walks and Hudson Axelrod did the same to load the bases. Gilbert was it by a pitch to score Madera, Cruz singled to score Douglas and Axelrod, and a single by Forgette scored Gilbert and Cruz.

## Blake Tournament slated for Aug. 11

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